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East Germany

Team

The East German Inter-Ministerial Pharmaceutical Working Party -- Creation of, and reports on the first 19 meetings, Oct 51 to Mar 52, of the "Administrative Brigade in Pharmaceutics (Verwaltungsbrigade).

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The Administrative Brigade consists of:

Mrs. Sage	- State Planning Commission for Industr. Chemistry
Mr. Kluge	- State Planning Commission for Supplies of Materials
Dr. Herbert	- Ministry for Heavy Industry -- Chemistry-Pharmacy
Mr. Baumann	- Ministry of Health - Pharmaceutics

The Commission's task is to keep track of domestic pharmaceutical supplies, both raw materials and finished products, their production, stockpiling, and assignment, their duties to be purely administrative. They will analyze the market for a clearer view of export and import conditions, to coordinate supply and demand; they will do away with bureaucratic red-tape and unnecessary paper work.

Meetings are to be held weekly in Berlin.

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In the 19 meetings between Oct 20 Nov 51 and 20 Mar 52 the following matters were discussed besides routine reports: Apportionment of raw materials and finished products in response to requests by domestic pharmaceutical manufacturing and distributing houses; the withholding of supplies for various reasons; such as lack of raw materials or special investigations regarding exaggerated demands and discrepancies between earlier requests and newly placed ones. Other investigations cover the importation of drugs by certain wholesalers without the official import stamp; the reason why an earlier assignment of secale cornutum has not been processed by the plant who received it; why Acesal, an analgesic, is being exported to Bulgaria which itself sends Aspirin to East Germany. (The answer to this question lies in the 1951 export agreement with Bulgaria.)

Ephedrin is in short supply although some can still be obtained from Fahlberg-List and could be marketed in 50 g packages.

A number of proprietary drug names appear in the report:

Combiphanan	Acetylsalicylic acid and coffein
Diplosal	salicylic acid
Atarost	Extract of Belladonna and secale cornutum
Sineural	on the order of phenacetin, coffein etc. (in short supply.)
Euvernil	urea
Albucid	sulfacetamide
Euphylline	see Theophylline

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